B.C. Final Next Hurdle in Brier Bid

It took a thrilling 10th-end finish to do it, but Tony Gutoski's rink won the right to defend its B.C. curling championship by winning the zone 1 final Sunday at Victoria Curling Club. The rink (left to right), Gary Leibel, Gutoski, Dale Dalziel and Bill Dunstan, defeated Glen Harper of Duncan, 7-6, and will compete in the B.C. finals at Vernon next month.

Gutoski Wins Zone Title With Stirring Comeback

By JIM TANG

Beautiful execution of well-conceived strategy when all seemed lost Sunday won the Vancouver Island (Zone 1) Consols championship for Tony Gutoski, Bill Dunstan, Gary Leibel and Dale Dalziel and gave the Victoria rink its chance to defend the B.C. curling championship in the provincial finals at Vernon early next month.

It marked the fourth time in five years that Gutoski has won his zone final. In 1955 and 1956 he was beaten out on the next step on the trail to the Canadian championship but got his chance to play for the Brier Tankard last year. He finished in a tie for fourth place with a creditable 6-4 record.

Trailing, 2-5, starting the 10th end of a playoff game with Duncan's Glen Harper, a bad situation worsened for the Victorians as Harper got the jump on the make-or-break end.

Harper was laying two after the first five rocks, three from his rink and two from Gutoski's combination. Harper had one rock in the front ring (with a piece of the eight-foot circle) just to the left of the centre line, the other about two feet behind and to the left, also partially in the eight-foot ring.

DELICATE SHOT

Gutoski had to come up with something and he called for Gary Leibel to draw up in front of Harper's front rock. It was a delicate shot but Leibel, who played an outstanding game, made it perfectly to set up an end which will be talked over for some time.

Harper, afraid that going after Leibel's rock might cost him both his own, had Fred Duncan, his second man, shoot his second rock at a Gutoski stone which appeared as if it might have a piece of the back ring. Duncan missed but it didn't matter, a measurement later disclosing it was almost a half-inch out.

Gutoski, playing for the miss he had to have, then asked Leibel to draw in to the other side of the house and the stocky little second again came through with a perfect rock, an out-turn draw which stopped on the tee line with enough of the eight-foot to be shot.

The miss came immediately, Harvey Hodge skimming by shot rock with a fast takeout try.

DOUBLE TAKEOUT

Now it was set up, and Bill Dunstan came through with a brilliant shot, getting perfect weight in the successful try to effect a double takeout by raising the rock Leibel had put in the front ring.

That left Gutoski laying three and while Harper made a double kill with his first rock, he was wide with his second after Gutoski had made his first shot. The Victoria skip then drew in for three to tie the game and switch the odds completely.

Harper couldn't get a thing started on the 11th and when he went into the hack for his last shot, Gutoski had two counters in the outer ring, one well hidden. Harper went for the open one, not caring too much, he said, whether he rolled out and let Gutoski count one or whether he rolled in to take a one-rock lead into the final end.

He rolled in, then played for an extra end, calling for his first rock through the house and hoping to match rock for rock with Gutoski's rink to hold his opponent to one.

TENSE FINISH

Gutoski's rink was almost perfect in the tense finish. It got an edge on an early miss, lost it when Leibel, who wound up a great game with 41 out of a possible 48 points, rolled out on a takeout. But Hodge missed his last rock and Dunstan drew in to leave the Victorians laying two with the skips' rocks to come.

Harper made both his shots, and stayed, but Gutoski wasn't missing either and it was all over when he took out shot rock with an out-turn and stuck to count his two for the 7-6 win.

Earlier in the game, Harper swung things his way when it appeared as if Gutoski was going to crack a three-ender, taking out shot rock and rolling behind a front-rink rock to count one when Gutoski couldn't make his try for a raise takeout.

That made the score 3-1 for Harper instead of 4-2 for Gutoski, and Harper again swung things his way on the eighth with a roll when it appeared as if Gutoski might steal the end and make it 3-3. When Harper stole a point on the ninth for a 5-2 lead things looked glum for the Victoria rink.

The playoff was set up Sunday morning when Don MacRae's Nanaimo rink came up with a fine game to edge Gutoski, 7-6, while Harper racked up his fifth victory in a row by besting Bill Osborne of Port Alberni, 9-7.

EASY WIN

But Gutoski's rink was equal to the task in their "must" game, tying it up by easing to an 11-8 win over Harper in a game which wasn't as close as the score indicated. Harper and Gutoski made certain of not slipping on the last scheduled draw. Harper needed only nine ends to beat Gar Taylor of Victoria, 13-3, and Osborne, trailing 11-1, conceded to Gutoski after eight ends.

FINAL STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Tony Gutoski, Victoria	7*	1
Glen Harper, Duncan	6	2
Gar Taylor, Victoria	4	3
Harry Stirzaker, Port Alberni	3	3
Gary Merrett, Duncan	3	3
Don MacRae, Nanaimo	2	4
Brock Wilson, Nanaimo	1	5
Bill Osborne, Port Alberni	1	6

(Gutoski and Harper met in playoff. Stirzaker, Merrett, MacRae and Wilson did not play last games.)

RESULTS

PLAYOFF GAME

Harper	010 011 011 010—6
Gutoski	001 000 100 302—7

FIRST ROUND

(Note: Games played at home clubs earlier.)

Gutoski def. Taylor; Harper def. Merrett; MacRae def. Wilson; Stirzaker def. Osborne.

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FIFTH DRAW

MacRae	101 001 010 102—7
Gutoski	010 100 102 010—6
Stirzaker	222 000 001 010—8
Taylor	000 121 110 102—9
Osborne	103 001 000 101—7
Harper	010 210 102 020—9
Wilson	010 210 101 010— 7
Merrett	203 001 020 101—10

SIXTH DRAW

Wilson	100 110 010 210—7
Osborne	010 002 001 001—5
Gutoski	003 021 120 011—11
Harper	020 200 001 300— 8
Merrett	100 011 102 001—7
Stirzaker	001 200 010 050—9
Taylor	201 101 004 010 1—10
MacRae	011 020 020 102 0— 9

SEVENTH DRAW

Gutoski	111 312 20x xxx—11
Osborne	000 000 01x xxx— 1
Taylor	000 101 010 xxx— 3
Harper	221 040 004 xxx—13

Lions to Set Sights On Iowa's Duncan

B.C. Lions can have Randy Duncan—if they can afford him.

Canadian rights to Duncan, quarterback for Iowa's Rose Bowl champion Hawkeyes and rated one of the best passers in U.S. college football, have been obtained by the Lions from Ottawa Rough Riders.

Ottawa received Lions' second Canadian college draft choice and will be further compensated if the Lions are successful in signing Duncan.

Where They Play Makes Difference

Seattle Totems proved again on Sunday night that where intersectional play is concerned in the Western Hockey League results depend on the locale of the games.

Western division clubs have been taking a horrible going over on their prairie trips, winning something like eight games, and tying three while losing 35.

It has, however, been considerably different when the prairie clubs travel to the coast. There they find the same kind of welcome they have been giving, and when the Totems knocked off the slumping Edmonton Flyers, 5-2, on Sunday, it gave the coast clubs a 17-8-1 edge in intersectional games on their home ice.

Totems, who had their divisional lead threatened when they were losing six of eight games on their last jaunt to the Prairies, have now won two in a row since returning home and are seven points ahead of Vancouver Canucks.

Sunday's game also gave Guyle Fielder a chance to gain some ground on Ed Dorohoy, who is challenging for the scoring lead, and the smooth Seattle centre made the most of it by adding three assists. He is now six points ahead of Dorohoy.

Sunday's game was watched by a capacity crowd of 4,619 fans, who saw the Totems break the game open with four second-period goals, two of them by rookie Tom McVie.

WESTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Seattle	40	22	16	2	155	127	46
Vancouver	39	16	16	7	122	119	39
Spokane	45	17	23	5	149	178	39
VICTORIA	42	16	22	4	123	153	36
New West'ster	43	14	27	2	148	187	30

EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Calgary	35	24	10	1	134	80	49
Edmonton	41	23	15	3	132	107	49
Saskatoon	37	17	18	2	122	126	36
Winnipeg	34	15	17	2	131	129	32

Sunday's score: Edmonton 2 at Seattle 5.

Next game: tonight, Saskatoon at Vancouver.

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Fielder Stays Out in Front

Eddie Dorohoy is still running wild for Calgary Stampeders, but he can't gain any ground on Seattle's Guyle Fielder in the Western Hockey League scoring race.

Dorohoy, Fielder and Pat Hannigan of New Westminster all scored six points last week. Fielder has 67 points and Dorohoy, who has got a point or more in each of his last 17 games, has 61.

Scoring leaders:

	GP	G	A	TP
Fielder, Seattle	40	13	54	67
Dorohoy, Calgary	35	17	44	61
Meklok, Spokane	37	23	30	53
Brisson, Winnipeg	33	23	29	52
E. Johnson, Spokane	44	28	22	50
Nicholson, Victoria	40	16	31	47
Hannigan, New Wstmstr	43	23	23	46
Mosienko, Winnipeg	34	19	27	46
Jankowski, Calgary	30	23	22	45
A. Johnson, Spokane	44	18	27	45
Barlow, New Wstmstr	43	22	23	45
Meinyk, Edmonton	41	20	25	45

SUNDAY

SEATTLE 5, EDMONTON 2

FIRST PERIOD

No scoring.

Penalties: Sinclair 5.19, MacPherson 8.20.

SECOND PERIOD

1. Seattle, McVie (Fonteyne, Fielder) 10.12.
2. Seattle, MacFarland (Fielder, Hunt) 11.56.
3. Seattle, McVie (Fielder, Rimstad) 16.47.
4. Seattle, Burton 18.47.
5. Edmonton, Marcon 19.45.

Penalties: Marcon 4.42, Hendrickson 10.29, Arnett 12.18.

THIRD PERIOD

6. Edmonton, Holmes (Meinyk, Polle) 6.37.
7. Seattle, Fonteyne (Rimstad, Burton) 17.50.

Penalties: MacFarland 4.24, Holmes 10.42, McVie 10.42, Marcon (major) 11.22, Burton (major) 11.22, Hendrickson 12.11.

Stops:			
Johnston	12	8	7—27
Bentley	4	7	6—17

Speaking Briefly

Canada in Upset Win Over Russian Cagers

Canada found itself in a consolation round today despite a stunning upset victory over Russia Sunday night in the world amateur basketball championships at Santiago, Chile.

The Canadians, built around Vancouver Eilers, whipped the Russians, 63-54, but failed to make the round-robin finals because of their points total. Canada, Russia and Brazil were grouped in one division. Each finished the eliminations with a 2-1 record. However on the scoring breakdown Russia, with 229, and Brazil with 210, advanced while the Canadians dropped into the consolation round with 169.

Russia's setback left the United States as heavy favorites to take the title. The U.S. team, made up of former college stars now in the Air Force, beat the United Arab Republic, 103-58, Sunday.

Only the U.S. and Bulgaria made it through the eliminations unbeaten. Finals start tonight. Others in the finals are Russia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Nationalist China and Chile.

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ROY CAMPANELLA was involved in his second major auto accident in less than a year yesterday in Douglaston, N.Y., but escaped without a scratch although two other persons in his car were hospitalized. **Campanella,** still paralyzed as a result of the first accident, was strapped into his car and the safety belt probably saved his life when his car was sideswiped by a trailer which broke loose from a truck . . . **Benny Paret** of Cuba decisioned **Victor Zalazar** last night in their 10-round middleweight bout in New York . . . Former U.S. Olympic pole vaulter **Rev. Bob Richards** predicts that the new aluminum and spun glass poles will make the 16-foot, and even 17-foot vault commonplace when they become popular . . . The Canadian Soccer Football Association has offered to enter teams in a proposed all-star game that would replace the annual Shrine all-star Canadian football charity game . . . **Gene Hoover** of Vancouver Sunday won the Pacific Coast class "A" squash crowd with a 4-15, 15-10, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12 win over **Tom Owens** of Washington Athletic Club.

West Germany covers 96,700 square miles, compared to 41,400 for Communist-ruled East Germany.

BEHIND THE GLASS

By Jim Tang

A FINE FINAL: Calibre of play in the Zone Consols playdowns at the Victoria Curling Club over the weekend certainly bore out the statement of one observer that Vancouver Island curlers compare with any in the province and that this might be the toughest zone of all.

Improvement has been tremendous during the past four or five years. When Island clubs were in their infancy it was no trick at all for mainland curlers to make it big at Island bonspiels. No longer is this the case. Instead, Island rinks are feared wherever they curl.

The Island really came into its own last season when Tony Gutoski of Victoria and Glen Harper of Duncan proved to be the class in the provincial curling finals. This year, Gutoski, and not only because he is the defending champion, will have the rink to beat when 10 zone champions and any rinks who might qualify out of the B.C. Bonspiel start play early next month at Vernon.

Once again, rinks which reach the finals of the two primary events at the B.C. Bonspiel can qualify for the B.C. Consols final and Harper and, probably, Reg Stone, both of whom made it that way last year, will be trying again. An extra zone (North) was added after last year's final and the Yukon winners will make it 10 zone champions for the final.

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MERITED WIN: Although Harper had what appeared to be a safe lead starting the 10th end of Sunday's playoff game and they had to pull it out with some exceptional shotmaking on the last three ends, there can be no doubt but that Gutoski, Bill Dunstan, Gary Leibel and Dale Dalziel were the best rink in the Island final.

This combination, which came of curling age in the B.C. final last year, was the steadiest under pressure and exhibited that requisite of all champions, the ability to come from behind.

The Victorians also had the advantage of home ice, and this may have been the deciding factor in the playoff game against Harper, who has a rink which can curl in any company.

It's always easiest, of course, to do your curling behind the glass but it seemed to this observer that Harper's rink contributed to its own downfall by increasing its weight after it got ahead. As any regular at the Victoria Curling Club will agree, extra weight is a dangerous thing on those tricky runs which have made things so interesting, not to say frustrating, this season.

But whether this was the case or not, the Victoria rink certainly proved itself again. To me, the thing which stood out was the poise the Victorians had. Theirs was not an easy road. They got a real argument from Brock Wilson, an old foe who always makes it tough for them, could have been beaten by Harry Stirzaker when they came up with their poorest game but scraped through by one rock, then lost their best game when they found Don MacRae's Nanaimo rink in even more brilliant form.

That defeat meant that if they were to win the coveted trip to Vernon they would have to beat Harper twice, no small task, and make certain that between those two games they didn't slip against Bill Osborne, who can never be taken lightly.

All four were steady under the pressure but it's not difficult to find a special word of praise for Leibel and Dunstan. Leibel was consistency itself and Dunstan stood out at his position although he fills the toughest position of all at the Victoria club.

Bill is keenly aware—too keenly, perhaps—that some observers feel that he can't match the shotmaking of his stylish teammates. It's a pity that they weren't at Penticton last year to see for themselves that it was his clutch shotmaking that made the difference and it is to be hoped that they noted that he didn't miss when the chips were down in the zone playoffs. He was almost perfect after the first end in the losing game against MacRae, missed only one shot completely after the third end in the playoff game and made his last eight rocks perfectly at a time when a miss meant out, including that double takeout with a raise which set up the three-ender on the 10th end and which tied the game. He belongs.

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WIDE OPEN: Breaking up of the Nanaimo combination of Marg Fuller, Pat Good, Sylvia Koster and Edna Quinney which has dominated the ladies' playdowns on Vancouver Island for the past four or five years means that the zone finals this year will be a wide-open affair.

Mrs. Fuller tried with a brand-new line-up this season and failed to qualify in club play while Mrs. Koster, who lined up with Min Holm, will also be a spectator when the nine Island finalists tee off at Nanaimo on February 6. Mrs. Good is curling third rocks for Mrs. Helen Wilson while Mrs. Quinney didn't take part in the playdowns.

Rating the ladies, unpredictable even in curling, is hazardous but Victoria rinks have to be given a chance. Many feel that the entry of Doris Fraser, Edna Manchester, Edith Leach and Elsie Hamilton from the Victoria Ladies' Curling Club can be the one to beat. But you can't discount the Victoria Curling Club rink skipped by Flora Martin, club champion who is again heading the field at the city club.

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NEW VICTORIA CLUB?: Rumors are making the rounds that another curling club may be built in the Greater Victoria area, perhaps by the start of next season. Reports have it that a six-sheeter is being planned and that someone has offered 13 acres for a site.

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

Stone Sidelined In Zone Playoff

Six times B.C. curling champion and five times the provincial representative in the Canadian final, Reg Stone straight year in zone play-was sidelined for the second downs on Sunday.

Always considered the man to beat when it comes time for the Consols playdowns, Stone could do no better than break even in the four games he played in the double-knockout East Kootenay zone final which involved 16 rinks—two from the Trail Shifters Club, five from the Trail Curling Club, three from Nelson, two from Castlegar and Rossland and one from Riondel and Salmo.

LEMOEL REPEATS

Winner in the tough zone, for the second year in a row, was Gil Lemoel, who won the first of the double knockouts with four straight wins, then scored an extra end win, 10-9, over O. H. Gill of the Trail CC in the sudden-death final.

Curling with Lemoel are third Bobby Ross, second Ray Gariepy and lead Don McDonald.

Meanwhile, at Peachland, veteran Dick Topping, again teamed up with veteran Bill Croft, came through to win the Zone 5 berth in the B.C. Consols playdowns.

Topping, who has M. Brich and G. Heckman as well as Croft on his line-up, went through the double knockout final unbeaten. He outscored Fred Kitsch of Kelowna, 8-5, completed his sweep with an 11-4 triumph over George Schisler of Princeton.

Skin Divers Finish Third

Victoria Skin Diving Club took third place last weekend in the fourth annual winter meet at Seattle.

Competing against 33 other teams, the Victoria team of Bill Hook, Allan Hook and Denny Kempton landed catches totalling 39 pounds. Puget Sound Mudsharks took the first two places with catches of 65 and 41 pounds.

Over 100 divers from Washington, Oregon and B.C. competed.

Toronto Gets Grey Cup Game

Shrine Game Scrapped

WINNIPEG — Toronto was awarded the 1959 Grey Cup final and the annual Shrine East-West charity game was scrapped here Sunday at the concluding session of the four-day Canadian Football League meeting.

Decision on the cup final was announced Sunday, with the qualification that it has not yet been decided whether to hold it in the 33,000-seat Canadian National Exhibition stadium or the 27,000-seat Varsity Stadium, home of the Toronto Argonauts.

W. A. Johnson of Winnipeg, representing the Shrine, said in an interview that the Shriners have decided not to continue the benefit game because "after having experienced bad weather the last four years, we feel that in fairness to the public we cannot ask for the fans' support for a game that is played so late in the year."

Johnson said that he had recommended a mid-season game, and the CFL had countered with a proposal to make the Canadian junior final the charity game, with the CFL paying travelling costs.

The Shriners withheld comment on the suggestion until a full report was received.

Regarding the Grey Cup final, the CNE submitted a rental fee of $25,000 for holding the game Nov. 28. No figures were received from Varsity Stadium officials, but there was a strong feeling that the stadium, venue of the final for many years, hasn't got a chance of staging it in 1959.

G. Sydney Halter of Winnipeg was re-appointed commissioner of the CFL. Don McPherson of Regina was appointed president and Ralph Cooper of Hamilton, vice-president.

Generally speaking the four-day meeting was one of the dullest on record. The session ended in harmony between east and west, but as usual, rule changes were left to a committee which will meet Feb. 7-8 to discuss proposals submitted by both the Big Four and WIFU.

John Konrads Cracks Another

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—John Konrads bettered his own world record for the 220-yard freestyle swim Saturday, finishing in two minutes 2.2 second. His listed mark is 2.03.2.

Konrads finished approximately one yard ahead of John Devitt, holder of world records in the 100-yard and 100-metre events.

Defiant Players Demand Pension

NEW YORK—International Baseball League players hurled a defiant "No sign in '59" slogan at club owners yesterday and said they have 98 per cent support among players for a strike if the owners continue to turn a deaf ear on demands for a pension plan.

Eddie Blake, Toronto Maple Leafs' pitcher, and Bob Chakales, last season with Richmond, mailed out letters to approximately 160 league players, coaches and trainers advising them not to sign their 1959 contracts or report for spring training until the owners make "an honest effort" to devise a pension plan similar to that in effect in the major leagues.

SOLID SUPPORT

The claimed that all but five players and three trainers have signed with the Players' Association and are in firm support of the action.

In Montreal, league president Frank Shaughnessy replied that the league did not have the required funds to start such a plan, and emphasized that "the league will operate this year whether the players go on strike or not."

"If they think they can budge us, they're wrong," Shaughnessy said. "We have rules to deal with this sort of thing. If they don't sign or report they will probably be placed on a restricted list or traded to other clubs."

International League players are seeking a pension fund scaled down to approximately two-thirds of the plan for the major leagues. The cost of the proposed plan is $293,000 a year, of which the players would contribute about $37,000 at the rate of $1.50 per player per day.

"None of their plans for raising the money are feasible," responded Shaughnessy, "and I won't ask the major leagues for a subsidy. They'd just laugh at me."

Sailors' Streak Goes on Line

Navy, still smarting from its first defeat of the season Saturday night, will meet the second-place Vics at 7.30 tonight in the opening game of a Commercial Hockey League twin bill at Memorial Arena.

The Sailors, who have a 12-game unbeaten streak going for them in league play, were beaten, 8-5, in an exhibition game against Powell River.

In tonight's second game, Shell Aces play Army at 9 p.m.

SOVIETS WIN

STOCKHOLM (AP) — The Soviet Union defeated Sweden 3-1 in an international hockey match here Sunday night.

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